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FOR VANCE

1. AS AGREED TO LAST WEEK BEFORE YOU LEFT WASHINGTON, OUR MISSION IN LUSAKA WAS INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH PRESIDENT KAUNDA TO SEEK HIS VIEWS ON THE EVOLVING SITUATION IN ANGOLA AND TO SUGGEST THAT THE USG WOULD WELCOME HIS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JOINT ACTION THERE. IN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH KAUNDA, OUR MISSION IN LUSAKA MENTIONED ALSO OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONSERT WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND LEADERS, ESPECIALLY MOBUTU, IN DEVELOPING A PROGRAM.
2. KAUNDA'S INITIAL REACTION WAS TO STATE HIS AWARENESS OF HIS CONCERN WHICH THE USG MUST HAVE WITH THE ANGOLAN SITUATION AND TO ASK FOR DETAILS ABOUT THE SOVIET ARMS SUPPLIED TO ANGOLA. HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT FURTHER WITH HIS COLLEAGUES BEFORE REPLYING TO US. KISSINGER

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